

## PROMPTED BY JEALOUSY

George Ashton Accused of Brutally Murdering Ida Jackson.

The Woman's Body Found in Her Kitchen Heavily Bruised and Cut—Evidence of a Desperate Struggle—The Alleged Slayer Under Arrest—Inquest to Be Held This Morning.

Murder is the charge upon which George Ashton, colored, is held at the Third precinct station. Ida Jackson, also colored, the victim of the alleged crime, lies at the morgue, and an inquest will be held over the remains this morning. Jealousy is assigned as the cause of the deed. Three witnesses are in the custody of the police. Ashton is said to have admitted the killing.

Ida Jackson lived at 418 Nineteenth Street northwest, occupying three rooms on the second floor. In the little kitchen, at the rear of the building, the crime was committed shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

There were no eyewitnesses to the affair, but the mutilated condition of the body showed evidence of a desperate struggle. The head of the woman was badly bruised and cut in several places, and two stabs were found in her left arm. A chair appeared to have been used as a weapon, and the broken framework was found lying scattered about the room. Ashton is said to have killed his victim several times after falling her to the floor, and to have used his fist on her prostrate form. The room was in confusion and bloodstains were found on various articles of furniture.

It was learned last night that Ashton had been a frequent visitor at the home of the dead woman. He is said to have shared the affections of the woman with William Reed, colored, who was at the house yesterday until just before the murder was committed. The two men, it was learned, appeared to have been on friendly terms. The Jackson home shortly after noon. They went to the kitchen on the second floor, and in company with the Jackson woman spent nearly an hour in drinking beer, which Reed is said to have furnished. A quarrel finally arose between the men. Reed, it seems, to avoid trouble, arose to leave the house, when Mrs. Jackson took his part and insisted upon his remaining. This angered Ashton beyond control, and he turned on the woman, it is said, and a death struggle began. Reed, in the mean time, had left the house.

A colored woman named Mary Shorter, who was washing downstairs, started by the woman's screaming and the sound of heavy blows being struck, started to investigate and was passed on the stairway by Ashton on his way out of the house.

As soon as the Shorter woman discovered that death had been inflicted upon her husband's next door to the residence of Mr. James P. Levey, and told him of the affair. Mr. Levey summoned Policeman Phil Brown, of the Fourth precinct, who notified the station and headquarters of the murder. The policeman then started out to find Ashton. While the search was in progress, Ashton was taken into custody and carried to the station. At first he denied the killing, stating that he had only struck the woman a slight blow. Ashton was under the influence of liquor at the time, and after being questioned by Detective Harrison and McNamara, of headquarters, he admitted it, and the responsibility for the crime.

Macneely, James Brown had been stationed at the house, pending the arrival of Coroner Carr, who had been notified of the woman's death. Several other officers were detailed to look for and arrest Reed, who had been in the house prior to the murder. He was arrested later in Seventh Street, near New York Avenue northwest, and looked up as a witness in the case. Mary Shorter, who discovered the body of the Jackson woman and gave the alarm, was taken to the station and held as a witness, also. Shortly before 6 o'clock Coroner Carr viewed the remains at the home and directed that they be removed to the morgue. An inquest will be held at the Sixth precinct station this morning, and Deputy Coroner Glasbrook will perform the autopsy on the body of the woman to the cause of death.

Ashton was seen at the station last night by a reporter for The Times. He was not inclined to talk, but when asked about the crime finally said: "If the woman is dead I guess I will have to make the best of it. I was drunk and I guess I struck her with my fist, and perhaps I killed her. I do not remember all about it. That fellow Reed had been hanging around the house for some time and I was tired of it. That is all." The prisoner refused to talk further on the matter.

Ida Jackson had lived at the Nineteenth Street house for several years. She was a widow and leaves one son, about twenty years old, who is employed as porter in a private family residing in Connecticut Avenue, near N Street, northwest.

## A DEMOCRATIC BANQUET

The Virginia Association Arranging for Its Annual Entertainment will be the guests at a banquet given them by the Virginia Democratic Association of this city, at the Metropolitan Hotel, Monday evening, December 11. Invitations have been sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General of the State, and it is expected that 125 Virginians will sit down to the banquet. Among the principal speakers will be Attorney General A. J. MacGregor and Senator John W. Daniel, although it is probable that each member of the House will make a short address. All who desire to attend are requested by the committee in charge to give notice to Mr. Robert N. Harris, President of the association, as soon as possible.

Machine Gun for Killing Whales. MONTEREY, Cal., Nov. 27.—The Japanese Whaling Company here is about to use an electric machine gun for killing whales. This gun shoots an iron arrow, and is operated by three thousands yards of electric wire. The gun measures 11-3 inches at the muzzle and can be fired in any direction from the bow of a whale boat by means of a revolving carriage. A Japanese named Kawahara invented the gun, which has been satisfactorily tested.

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## A PROTEST FROM CUBANS.

The President Receives a Cable Despatch Opposing a Civil Governor.

The President has received a despatch from Cuba protesting against the appointment of a Civil Governor for the island. The protest was received by cable yesterday and will probably be discussed at the Cabinet meeting today. The message was signed by a number of prominent Cubans, whose names will not be given out for publication.

It is said that the message condemned the proposed appointment of a Civil Governor for the island as unfair to the Cubans, and stated that if the time was ripe for civil government the persons who should control the government should be Cubans and not citizens of this country. The senders also protested against the withdrawal of troops from Cuba in the event of a civil government.

It is said that the President has already decided to refer the question of civil government for Cuba to Congress and the protest just received, with any others that may be sent, will be forwarded to Congress. The President, it is stated, will not send any answer to the protest, but will consult with Secretary Root with a view of having all troops in Cuba prepared to put down any insurrection that may arise.

It is said that Mr. McKinley recognizes the right of the Cubans to protest against the appointment of a Civil Governor and that he will welcome any advice that may be given by men of influence at Havana who understand the needs of the Cubans. At the War Department yesterday it was learned that an agent of the mass meetings in Havana, of citizens protesting against civil government, had been received. It was said that all the advice received from Havana were to the effect that peace and quiet reigned there and that there were no indications of any uprising of the natives.

## PENSIONS FOR CLERKS.

The Prospective Speaker May Bring the Proposition Forward.

The clerk in the Government departments are said to be generally pleased over the fact that Representative D. B. Henderson is likely to be Speaker of the House. The principal reason for this enthusiasm is that Mr. Henderson is credited with believing in the strict enforcement of the Civil Service law. His election as Speaker means that he will be in a position to not only appoint a friendly committee on Reform in the Civil Service, but will see to it that the committee has an opportunity to do its work. Henderson is also claimed for the committee in the last Congress, when Mr. Reed ruled.

Among the first bills which it is said will be introduced will be one for the payment of \$100 a year to the clerks of the House of Representatives. This is claimed for the committee in the last Congress, when Mr. Reed ruled.

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## ECKINGTON CITIZENS MEET.

Little Business Transacted at the Regular Monthly Session.

The Eckington Citizens' Association held a regular meeting last night. It was called to order by the new president, Irwin B. Landon. A letter was read which stated the position of the board of school trustees on the matter of the elimination of arithmetic as a study in the eighth grade schools. The statement of the trustees was to the effect that they did not contemplate discontinuing the study, but had ordered that not less than three months be devoted to it and more time to other matters. A letter from the secretary of the board was also read in which that official stated that spelling is to be particularly emphasized in the schools this season and grammar is to be studied from a text book.

The reports of the various committees were then called for, the first report being that of the committee on the proposed extension of street railroads. He stated that he had received a letter from Col. George Truesdell, president of the committee, stating that the proposed extension of the street railway system running through Eckington, in which he stated that an extra car would be placed on the division operating on the street between the intersection of the street and the railroad, and that the street railway system running through Eckington, in which he stated that an extra car would be placed on the division operating on the street between the intersection of the street and the railroad.

A letter was also read from the district of changing the street lighting system in Eckington. The communication stated that owing to the opposition of the association, the Commissioners had decided to drop this matter.

C. E. Kern made a motion for the appointment of a special committee of five, to act as the committee on the public health. The motion was adopted and the president was authorized to appoint the committee at some future date.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN RUSSELL.

A Veteran Gunner of the Navy to Be Buried Today.

The funeral of John Russell, retired gunner, United States Navy, will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The services will be held at the Second Baptist Church, Fourth Street and Virginia Avenue southeast. The interment will be at Arlington Cemetery.

Mr. Russell died on Sunday, at his home, 218 Second Street southeast. He was born in Killbuck, Conn., and at the time of his death was sixty-one years old, and had followed the sea for over forty years. His parents died when he was a baby, and at the age of fourteen he ran away from the home of a guardian and shipped on a whaling vessel.

For four years on the whaling ship, he joined the United States Navy as a seaman. He was made a gunner on September 13, 1862, and was assigned to the Wachusett, on which he served during the Civil War. He was about the Wachusett when she cut out the Confederate man-of-war Florida in Rio Janeiro Harbor and brought her to Hampton Roads. He also served in the James River expeditions. He served on the Lackawanna, on the Pacific coast, and on the Powhatan, in the West Indies. His last sea duty was in Chinese waters, on the Lackawanna, from 1895 to 1896, when he was retired.

He was a member of the Second Baptist Church, a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, of Masons, and of St. John's Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross.

And old comrade, in speaking of Mr. Russell, said: "He was a Christian gentleman, affable and amiable, and a man any one might be proud to associate with."

In 1862 he married Mrs. Caroline Bean, of Washington, who survives him, with her two children, Mrs. W. E. Graham and Miss Jennie C. Bean.

## Justice White Improving.

The condition of Justice E. D. White, of the United States Supreme Court, who has for several days past been confined to his bed with a slight attack of the grip, was reported last night to be much improved.

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## A POLICEMAN IN TROUBLE

Serious Accusations Lodged Against Sergeant McNeeley.

Sergeant McNeeley, of the Sixth precinct police station, who has been connected with the department for nearly twelve years, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the corner of Eleventh and East Capitol Streets by inspectors Pearson and Duval, of the Police Department, upon a charge of receiving a bribe. William H. Lee, colored, proprietor of a poolroom and cigar store at 225 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, is responsible for the arrest, which resulted from a conference between Major Sylvester and Lee.

According to the statement made to Major Sylvester by Lee, the policeman is alleged to have made a proposition to the effect that ample protection should be furnished Lee and his business upon the payment of \$200. This sum was to be paid to McNeeley, so Lee says, in return for his protection and protection. Lee further told the Superintendent that McNeeley had said he was directed to clean up certain disreputable resorts. Regarding the proposition for the payment of a bribe, McNeeley denied the call at Police Headquarters that McNeeley had demanded at the sum of \$200 for protection and that later McNeeley had reduced his demand to \$150.

Lee, says, was agreed upon as a fair price for protection of such an alleged resort as that kept by him, and the money, Lee says, was to be forthcoming at a meeting arranged for yesterday afternoon.

Major Sylvester is said to have told Lee not to put \$150 in the envelope, but to place a marked \$10 bill in its stead. The Superintendent then agreed, it is said, to have an inspector and a policeman watch McNeeley when the meeting took place. Lee went to the rendezvous, closely followed by two policemen in civilian clothes, detailed to watch the proceedings. At the time arranged, 3 o'clock, Lee met McNeeley, and handed him a sealed envelope. When the envelope was passed over the men on watch approached. Sergeant McNeeley and demanded the envelope, but he refused to surrender it. Inspector Pearson is said to have seized McNeeley by the coat. The sergeant broke away, saying, "Don't put your hands on me." McNeeley, it is claimed, placed his hand upon his revolver when closely pressed. He was then permitted to go to headquarters, and there related his side of the affair.

Sergeant McNeeley is said to have told Major Sylvester that a certain negro employee, including Lee, was strongly antagonistic to the police, and especially to those of the Sixth precinct; that covert threats had been made against him and his associates, and that a secret organization exists which is opposed to the force generally.

Further, McNeeley said he was suspicious when approached by Lee, who, it is said, requested the good offices of McNeeley in his behalf, promising in return to furnish the police with a list of alleged disreputable resorts in the precinct.

McNeeley then agreed to meet Lee at the place named and the latter, according to the report, did not make any of the excuses against the deed. He kept the appointment, received the envelope, and was at once seized by the new police force, who devoted to take possession of the paper. Major Sylvester says of the case:

"McNeeley insists that he did not receive a bribe, nor did he make any of the alleged overtures to Lee on any pretext, and that the whole story is a scheme to ruin him and get him off the force."

Last night McNeeley was removed from custody on \$1,000 bond. The case will be heard in Police Court today.

## SURGEONS TO MEET.

Volunteers in the Spanish War Wish to Know Their Status.

A meeting of all of the active assistant surgeons of the army, who served in the Spanish-American war, was held last night at the headquarters of the committee on the status of the volunteers. The purpose of the meeting was to take steps to have Congress establish their legal status as officers of the army.

It is stated that when appointed the assistant surgeons were told that they would receive the rank and pay of first lieutenants, but that they did not receive either, and that their status in the army is yet undetermined.

They will also request that in appointments to the Regular Army the assistant surgeons who served in the late war be given preference. The assistant surgeons are said to number about 1,000.

## An Alleged Deserter Arrested.

Reputed to Have Been in the Spanish War.

John T. Kelley, who is charged with having deserted from the Marine Corps on November 6, and for whose capture a reward of \$20 was offered, was arrested by Policeman Roberts, of the Sixth precinct, last night. He will be turned over to the marine official today.

## THE TYRANT CUPID.

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